GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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PENDING CBI CASES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 200 cases are pending with CBI for over 20 years, 6000 cases in trial courts and 1600 cases, still to be investigated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the expeditious disposal of these cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): As per the information provided by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), no case is pending investigation with it for more than 20 years. As on 31.10.2001, 1646 cases were under investigation with the CBI and 6250 cases were pending trial in various courts.

(b): Reasons for delay in investigation include stay order granted by courts; delay in getting letters rogatory to be issued by the competent courts for carrying out investigations abroad and execution thereof which takes time; need to examine large number of documents in several cases and taking consent of the State Governments under Section 6 of the DSPE Act.

(c): Several steps have been taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of cases under investigation. These include making efforts to adhere to the time frame laid-down for investigation; fixing annual targets for each branch in respect of disposal of cases under investigation; preparing an Action Plan to reduce pendency in investigation of cases pending for over 2 years and monitoring these cases at the highest level in the CBI. Government has also set up Special Courts for exclusive hearing of CBI cases and has also been appointing Special Counsels in important cases to expedite the disposal of the cases pending for trial.